

Murder-Fest in Europe.

Liebknecht, Socialist Member of German Reichstag, Reported Executed and Socialists in Revolt Against Kaiser.

There are signs that Capitalism is making its last stand in many of the so-called civilized countries of the world. How soon the United States may get into it no one knows.

For two years the Socialists of Europe fought vigorously and successfully against this greatest of all crimes against humanity, but at last the rulers plotted and sprung it so suddenly that protest was unavailing.

What it is all about, nobody seems to know. In 1910 Count Tolstol of Russia predicted just what is happening today. And he further predicted the tottering of thrones and the wiping out of national lines. Perhaps next week I will give you what Tolstol, the greatest thinker that Russia ever produced, had to say about it. As I understand him, he predicted universal Socialism by 1925.

The war lords started this murder fest, but will they be able to end it? To a man up a tree it would appear that the purpose was to get rid of the most conspicuous Socialist members of European parliaments.

Hardly had the war been declared until the press dispatches announced the assassination of Jean Jaures, the most powerful Socialist in France. He was murdered while sitting at a table chatting with friends.

And now comes the news of Dr. Carl Liebknecht, the Socialist leader in the German Reichstag, coupled with a story that as a result of this murder, the German Socialists have revolted against their government.

Details are not given. The news is all censored, and most of the stuff that appears in the daily press is manufactured here in the newspaper offices.

But the murder of Jaures and Liebknecht are no doubt true, as is also the revolt of the Socialists. I believe it because I have been expecting it. And while the kings, emperors and Czars started the fight as a capitalist game for plunder, it will probably result in a class war, as in Mexico—with the working class victorious in the end. St. Louis Labor says:

Twenty-five million able-bodied men of Europe are now under arms. They have been compelled to leave the harvest fields of Austria, Germany, Russia, France and Belgium. They have been taken from mines, factories and shops of the European continent and the British Isles. They are now being prevented from doing productive labor. They are "consuming" the fruits of labor while engaged in the military mission of destroying property and murdering en masse their brothers on the bloody battlefields.

Twenty-five million men, armed with the latest weapons of destruction, equipped with the most deadly arms and ammunition with guns and cannons, with sabers and swords and bayonets, with shells and bombs containing the most deadly and destructive explosives, with armored trains and automobiles, with airplanes and aeroplanes—what a great sight in this twentieth century, in this great Christian civilization!

There is beautiful little Belgium with her industrious people, there are herds of militarism devastating her meadows and fields and orchards, her cities and magnificent villages, and several hundred thousand strong the victims of the system, the soldiers are commanded to fire, to shoot, to kill, to murder, to destroy, to devastate, to terrorize, to annihilate, the most peace loving nation on the face of the earth! Christian nation is ordered and commanded to murder Christian nation. Hundreds of thousands of men are commanded to murder fathers of poor, helpless little children, to murder brothers of loving sisters, to murder beloved sons of heartbroken fathers and mothers, to murder husbands of helpless, suffering, heartbroken wives and mothers of innocent little children! Emperors and kings of Europe—You are the chief murderers! With you war and murder en masse is a matter of business, a matter of making money, of coining money out of the lifeblood of millions of poor people!

Europe is on the radical regeneration. One hundred years ago, in 1814-15, Europe was in a similar condition. Militarism, under Napoleon Bonaparte, had run wild and broke under its own weight. The Napoleonic wars, which began with the end of the French Revolution in defense of France against monarchical Europe, and which finally made Napoleon the Emperor and military ruler of Europe came to a sudden collapse in 1814, and on March 1, 1815, the great Bonaparte landed on St. Helena!

Napoleonic militarism had run its course. New realignments took place all over Europe along political and military lines. France was freed of Caesarism,

and although repeated attempts were made to re-establish and perpetuate a monarchical system of government, the great Revolution of 1789 had done its work and the ideas of democracy and republicanism had found a permanent abode in the minds and hearts of the French people.

The present European war holocaust, with its unprecedented

sacrificed. The Socialists of Europe did their utmost to prevent the fatal catastrophe, but the organization of the ruling powers was so perfect and effective, and their determination to have this bloody war was so desperate a nature, that the apostles of peace were once more defeated. But the bloody contest has just begun. What will happen before it will

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Robbery--The Cause of all Capitalist Wars.

bloodshed and destruction of human life and property, will result in a general European revolution like the world has never seen before. It will mean the annihilation of hundreds of thousands—perhaps millions of poor people on the battlefields, but it will also cost some crowned and uncrowned rulers' heads and some golden crowns of Caesarism and Royalty will crumble to dust. Even in days of armed peace the weight of modern militarism almost crushes the life out of the nations of Europe. To-day the cost of maintenance of the 25,000,000 of armed destroyers of life and property will add \$50,000,000 or more each and every day to the burden of indebtedness of the nations. Now let this war go on for three, six or more months, and Europe will be overburdened with the curse of militarism that the "end with horror" is unavoidable. The general explosion will come, must come. It will be the explosion of the people's indignation, the people's determination to save whatever can yet be saved and claim their "tabula rasa" against the rulers and ruling classes that are responsible for the present war horrors.

Revolutions are not made to order. Revolutions in the life of peoples and nations are like the eruption of volcanoes; they will occur when the volcanoes are overloaded with fire and steam, rebellious substances that force an outlet somewhere, irrespective of what the result of the final eruption may be. It is the law of nature that commands, that must be obeyed!

Europe is today the most horrible volcano of an impending social revolution. When the eruption will break forth no human being and no God knows. That the eruption will come—must come—we do know! The Czar and his capitalist class know it. The Kaiser and his capitalist class know it. The rulers in Vienna and London, in Paris and Belgrade know it. After all, the question is in order: To what extent was this world war instigated and fomented for the express purpose of changing the course of the revolutionary movement of Europe?

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THE DEMOCRACY OF EQUALITY. Women From All Walks Gather at Newport to Plan Suffrage Campaigns.

Newport, R. I.—(Special.) Newport has long been known as a center of snobbery and frivolity, especially among the women and the few men known to fame through their ability as cotton leaders or monkey owners. A new regime seems to have been inaugurated by the meeting at Marble House, the beautiful palace of Mrs. Oliver H. Belmont, in honor of her daughter, the Duchess of Marlborough. Instead of the gilded wives of plutocrats seeking to while away boredom, those present at a meeting held there on July 8 came from as many walks of life as they represented different parts of the country. The speakers on the occasion were all well-known suffragists—Miss Rose Scheidegger, vice-president Women's Trade Union League; Miss Mary N. Barlow, assistant judge Chicago juvenile court; Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth, Volunteers of America; Miss Catherine D. Davis, commissioner of corrections, New York City; Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of public schools, Chicago; Miss Julia C. Lathrop, chief federal children's bureau, Washington; Miss Florence Kelley, secretary National Consumers' league; Mrs. Helen Ring Robinson, Colorado state senator, and Miss Kate M. Gordon, president Southern States Woman Suffrage conference.

In opening the meeting Mrs. Belmont eulogized her guests in an address which not only paid high tribute to them but showed what "woman's work" has come to mean. She said, in part:

"The women who have traveled from the four corners of the United States have not come to the front to shoot to death their opponents. They have not created wars between nations. They have not formed trusts to increase the difficulty of maintaining existence. They have not been summoned before investigating committees at their own trial's capital. They have not caused bank failures through their genius for high finance. They have not been proclaimed the champion prize fighters of the world. In none of these enterprising fields have they sought or won distinction.

"But some of them have stimulated into life a sense of self-respect lying dormant in what the world chooses to call the fallen woman. Some of them have devoted many years of service to the little child laborers who are being done to death in the mills and factories and mines of our country. Some of them are subsidizing the evils of the sweat shop system of the cities and towns. Some of them have done picket duty and gone on strike in behalf of the underpaid and overworked women in industry. Some of them preside over juvenile courts and bend their efforts toward reclaiming the wayward boy and girl. Some of them have raised funds and organized reforms which have proved so great a public benefactor that they have been taken over by the state, whose laws then declared that none but voters could be members of the governing committees. Some of them have gone into the highways and byways and behind prison doors in their efforts to give the outcast the chance of beginning again.

"Some of them are leaders in the educational world. Some of them occupy seats of the mighty in legislative halls and are credited with promoting the best laws on the statute books of their commonwealth. Some of them pursue the gentle art of demanding political rights on equal terms with men, commonly known as 'Votes for Women.'

"Therefore, in the conflict and strife and struggle of life they have enlisted for the fight. In the world's battlefield they stand firmly on the firing line, fearlessly grappling with existing problems and deplorable conditions. And with unswerving loyalty to principle and sublime devotion to the cause they are overcoming the enemy."

Ohio State President Sends Message to Missouri Suffragists.

"Whatever may be the policies in other nations and other states, the Ohio campaign for woman suffrage will be a peaceful one. There will be no quarrel between men and women.

"Men are not to blame that women are still unfranchised. Neither are women. Woman's political enfranchisement is one of evolution. Radical men and radical women help on the evolution. Conservative men and conservative women hold it back. The former are recruited from the latter, and when the radicals outnumber the conservatives the change comes. There must be no conflict, no wounds to bind up, because a great work for men and women to do together lies ahead. There must be true and comradeship in order that this work may be done easily and effectively.

"The long journey of Ohio suffragists is nearly at an end, and they are joyful over the fact that they have no apologies to make for their conduct and that no one has suffered at their hands.

"Ohio and Missouri are drawn close together, since both are working to the same end, with the same means, in the same way, and go to vote at the same time. Success to both!

"HARRIET TAYLOR UPTON, President Ohio Woman Suffrage Association."

Why should the worker—the builder of all man-made things—have a mansion right here and now—as well as in heaven?

IN THE SOUTHEAST. Farmington Times.—Monday evening the citizens of East Elvins were startled by the ringing out of two shots fired in quick succession. It soon developed that Jerome Radford had come to his death and was lying at the gate of one Ed Culton, the shots having been fired by Culton. The gun used was an ordinary breech loading shot gun. One charge took effect tearing a great hole in the man's side, while the other almost missed its mark. Radford fell to the ground and expired in a few minutes. It is supposed that bad feelings existed between the men, as it is reported that Radford had been visiting Culton's home in his absence. It is further reported that Culton had sent word to Radford that he would kill him if he did not desist from visiting his home, but Radford told him if paid no attention to the warnings, Radford leaves a wife and several children.

Jackson Items.—Recently evidence has accumulated that the opposition to the county highway engineer and the farm adviser had not died down, but that on the contrary it seems to be coming to a head. Recently a delegation of men called on Judge Paur to get information as to how to proceed to abolish these two offices, and finally they left with the statement that they would consult an attorney. On Saturday we understood that a meeting of farmers had been called to take some action in the matter, but it could not be learned if the meeting had materialized or not, but on Tuesday petitions began to be circulating, one asking the County Court to permit a vote on the question of highway engineer, the other one asking the court not to renew the contract for a farm adviser.

Stoddard Tribune.—As Arthur Story, who lives near Aquila, was coming to town yesterday, the horse he was riding was struck by an automobile and knocked down. Arthur thrown off in the fence corner and the auto which was driven by a party unknown in these parts, went whizzing on without even hesitating. Arthur swore out a warrant for the unknown party. Later the young man whose name is Laster and who lives at Bertrand, came back and gave bond for his appearance before Esquire Geo. Grosser next Tuesday.

Charleston Republican.—The public was surprised at the action of Judge L. W. Danforth in resigning the position of Presiding Judge of the County Court which he had so acceptably filled for several years. When he heard of the nomination of John L. Vaughn as the democratic candidate he at once tendered his resignation, to take effect Aug. 10. His term would have expired Dec. 31. The governor will, in all probability, appoint Mr. Vaughn to fill the unexpired term.

Essex Leader.—Winifred Wamble and Otis White were out hunting, a shot gun which the White boy was carrying was accidentally discharged and the entire load entered the Wamble boy's head, taking almost the entire top of the head off. The Wamble boy was about 15 or 16 years old and the White boy 10 or 12. This is another case of letting small children have guns, and a practice that it seems almost impossible to break the parents of.

Campbell Citizen.—Green Pennington lost his house by fire Thursday night of last week and came near losing his life also. The house was all ablaze when Mr. Pennington awoke and thinking one of his children still in the house rushed in the children's bed-room just as the partition collapsed, knocking him down with his face on the floor, but he managed to save his life by crawling out on his hands and knees. His back, shoulders and hands were badly burned.

Fredericktown News.—Paul Parker of Bismark, brakeman on the local freight, was jerked from the top of a box car at Mine La Motte Tuesday by a low telephone wire and pretty badly hurt. They were switching on a siding there and a low wire caught him under the chin throwing him entirely off the car.

A. A. Huffman of Cape county was held for circuit court under \$250 bond. He was charged by his wife of having poisoned her cow by putting Paris green in hollowed corn cobs.

ABOUT BELLS. Bells tell a wonderful story of the power and persistence of the state of mind known as superstition. They had their origin in China a great many centuries ago, and their first use was to dispel and clear the air of "evil spirits," also to break up and drive away storms. From China bells were eventually introduced to the countries of Europe. Old English records tell us how the tolling of bells kept the "spirits of darkness" from assailing people while in the act of worship. Hence the connection of bells with churches. It was only at a comparatively late date that bells were used for calling the people to church. For ages they were designed solely for keeping the "devil" at safe distance.

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